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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 10/017,003
Our Docket F-437

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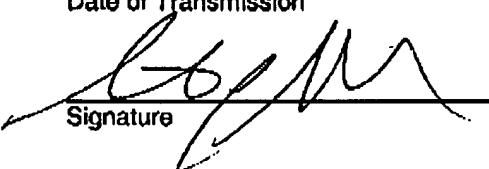
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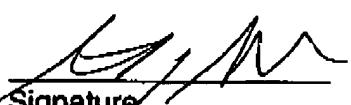
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Confirmation No.: 7875) Examiner: Jonathan R. Miller
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR REROUTING ITEMS IN A MAIL
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

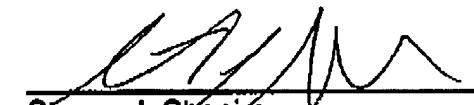
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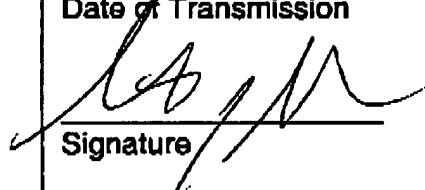
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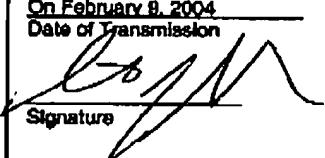
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In response to the Office Action dated October 8, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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